



Fairy-Tale ★ Phonics

Sleeping Beauty



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This book practices:

12 single sounds — also called phonemes

One letter forming one sound:

b (as in **b**ell) **w** (as in **w**as) **k** (as in **k**ing)

h (as in **h**orse) **y** (as in **y**et) **t** (as in **t**ale)

Two or more letters forming one sound:

ch (as in **ch**ild) **th** (as in **th**em)

or (as in **or**n) also spelled -oor, -ore, -ar, -our

oo (as in **oo**l) also spelled -o, -ou, -ew, -ue

ee (as in **ee**p) also spelled -e, -ea

ear (as in **ear**)

5 blends — made by two consonant sounds

Two or more consonants are sounded out individually but are blended together:

ks (as in **ks**) **sp** (as in **sp**ell)

br (as in **br**ave) **cr** (as in **cr**own) **pr** (as in **pr**ince)

How to use this book:

Read aloud and **sound out** the highlighted sounds on each page

Try the activities at the bottom of the page

Retell the story using the pictures and key sounds on page 23

Practice the sounds with the matching activity on page 24



Focus on the **b** sound
(as in bell) as
you read
aloud

Once upon a time, a **b**aby girl
was **b**orn to a king and queen.
She was a **b**eautiful child.

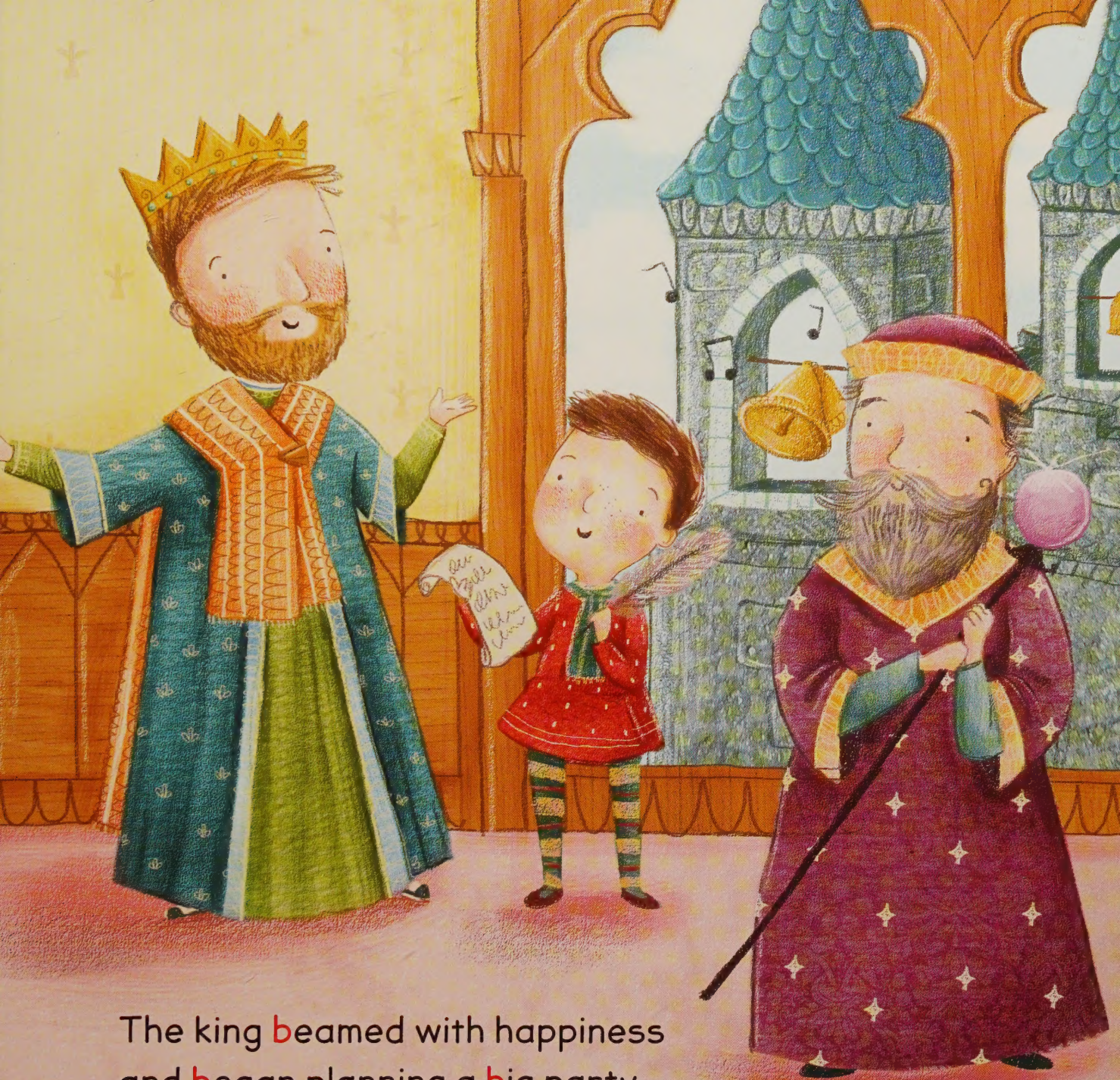


Say the words as you spot each thing beginning with **b**.

bow

baby

bell



The king **b**eamed with happiness
and **b**egan planning a **b**ig party
to celebrate the **b**irth.

Sound out these words beginning with the **b** sound.

band **b**ird **b**elt **b**ag
beach **b**owl **b**ump

Highlight the ks
blend (as in fox)
as you read

Excited visitors
brought presents
in colorful boxes.



The fairies were all invited
too, except one who was
extra mean and spiteful.

Can you
see six
presents in
the room?

Spell some words with the ks blend.

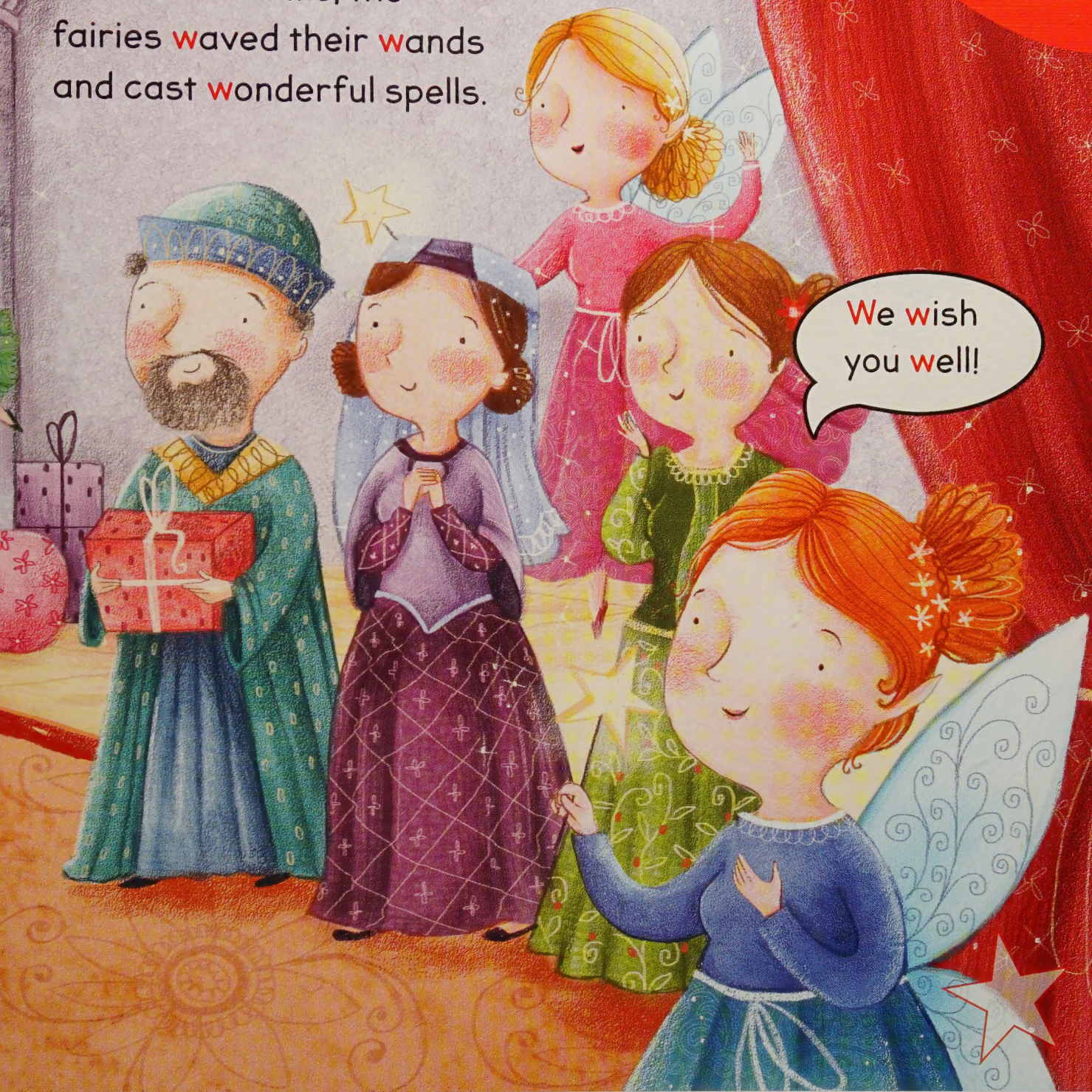
fox

mix

wax

exit

When it **w**as time, the
fairies **w**aved their **w**ands
and cast **w**onderful spells.



Say the words as you spot each thing beginning with **w**.

woman

wand

wings

Sound out the
blend **sp** (as in
spell)

Just as the last **sparkly spell** was cast,
there was a whoosh, and the **spiteful**
fairy **spun** into the room!



Sound out these words with the **sp** blend.

spark **sport** **spider** **spent**
space **spoon** **speak**



"This will **sp**oil your fun!"
she laughed.

"The princess is **sp**ecial indeed!
One day she will prick her finger
on a **sp**indle and fall down dead!"

Spell some more words beginning with **sp**.

sped

spot

spill

spy

spin

Focus on the **k**
sound, made by
c and **k** (as in
king)



How **c**unning the mean
fairy was! The queen
collapsed into the
king's arms.

"I **c**annot **c**ompletely undo the **c**urse,"
said a **k**ind fairy. "The princess will
pr**ick** her finger, but she will just
fall asleep. Only a prince **c**an wake
her with a **k**iss."

Say the words as you spot each thing with the **k** sound.

curl

candle

king



The **k**ing immediately **c**alled for all the
spindles in the **c**ountry to be destroyed.

Sound out some more words with the **k** sound.

c ard	c oat	k ee p	k ind
bu c ket	k ick	sho c k	ba c k

Highlight the **or**
sound (as in
born) as you
read



Many years later, the princess
was explor**or**ing the castle when
she saw a do**or** she had not
seen bef**or**e.

Sound out these words, which all have the **or** sound.

born fork horn fort
floor more score



Steps led to another **door**, so the princess thought she would go through and see **more**.

Her father had **warned** her about wandering off, but of **course**, the princess didn't listen.



Spell some more words with the **or** sound.

short

warm

corn

your

Sound out the
oo sound (as in
stool)

The princess walked
up the steps into
a spooky room.

An old woman was
sitting on a stool.

"What are you doing?"
asked the princess.



Sound out these words with the oo sound.

moon

boot

do

too

grew

chew

blue

true



"Watch, my child," said the old woman.
"I'm spinning — it's such fun. Why don't
I teach you?"

The princess stepped forward
to touch the spindle.



Spell some words with the **ch** sound.

chat

porch

peach

match

Emphasize
the **ee** sound
(as in **deep**)

As soon as she **ee** touched the spindle's **nee**dle,
the princess fell into a **dee**p enchanted **see**p.

"Time to **flee**!" said the old woman,
who was **ree**ally the **mean** fairy.



Sound out these words with the **ee** sound.

me be tea clean seat
sweet feet tree



The king and queen also fell asleep.
Servants stopped cleaning and dozed off.
Even the pony fell asleep on his feet,
and the birds stopped tweeting!

Spell some more words with the **ee** sound.

meat

speak

green

sheet

Highlight
the **ear** sound
(as in **near**)



Years and **y**ears went by, and a huge
hedge of thorns began to app**ear** around
the castle, so no one could get **n**ear it.

Spell some words with the **ear** sound.

clear dear fear hear

Emphasize
the **h** sound
(as in horse)

One **h**undred years later, a **h**andsome prince
was **h**unting on **h**is **h**orse when **h**e **h**appened to
see the turrets of the castle above the **h**edge.



Point to some
things that
begin with **h**.

Finish the sentence with the **h** sound.

"What is **h**idden behind here?"

Draw attention
to the **y** sound
(as in yet)

"Yoo-hoo!" **y**elled the
prince as he hacked
through the hedge.

It seemed to take **y**ears,
yet he kept going.



"You are all so quiet," said the
prince when he saw the **y**oung
servants. "Oh, **y**ou're all asleep!"

Sound out these words, which all have the **y** sound.

yes **y**elp **y**ard **y**olk
yellow **y**our **y**o-yo

Then the prince remembered the **t**ale of a **t**errible
curse, so he **set** off **t**o find the sleeping princess.

He kissed her, and she opened her eyes **st**raight
away. **I**t was love **a**t **f**irst **s**ight.



Spell some words, which all use the **t** sound.

top tall tiny boat feet

Focus on the
blends **br**, **cr**,
and **pr** as you
read



As the **pr**ince and **pr**incess **cr**ept
through the **cr**umbling castle,
they **br**ought everyone back to life.

Say the names of the things with the
br, **cr**, and **pr** blends, as you spot them.

brick

crown

prince

princess

The **pr**incess **pr**oudly **pr**esented the **br**ave **pr**ince to her parents. The **cr**uel fairy's spell had been **br**oken forever!



Spell words with the **br**, **cr**, and **pr** blends.

bring

crab

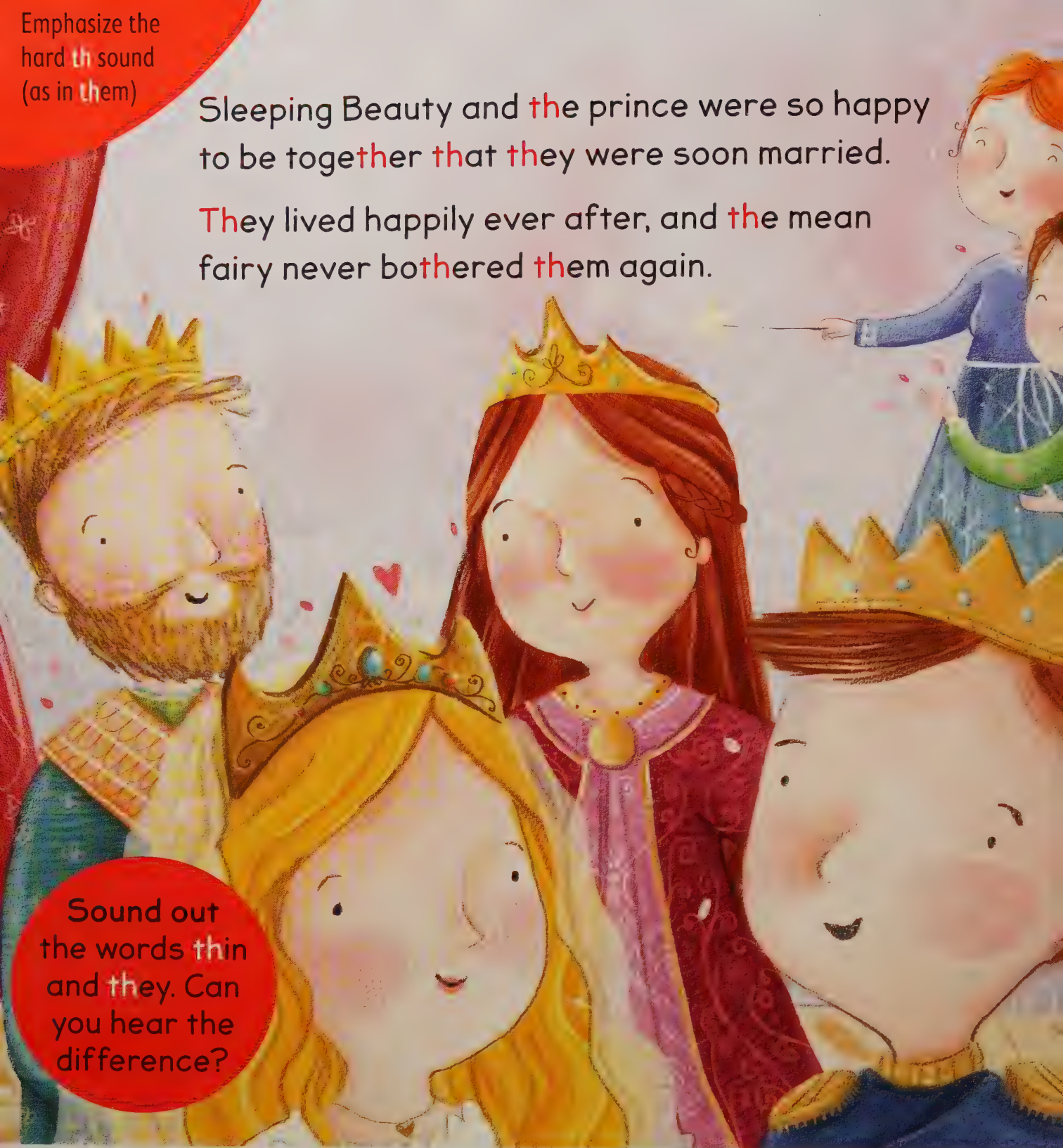
cross

prop

Emphasize the
hard **th** sound
(as in **them**)

Sleeping Beauty and **th**e prince were so happy
to be to**th**er **th**at **th**ey were soon married.

They lived happily ever after, and **th**e mean
fairy never bo**th**ered **th**em again.



Sound out
the words **thin**
and **they**. Can
you hear the
difference?

Sound out these words with the hard **th** sound.

those

there

mo**th**er

bro**th**er

Try to retell the story using
these key sounds and story images.



baby



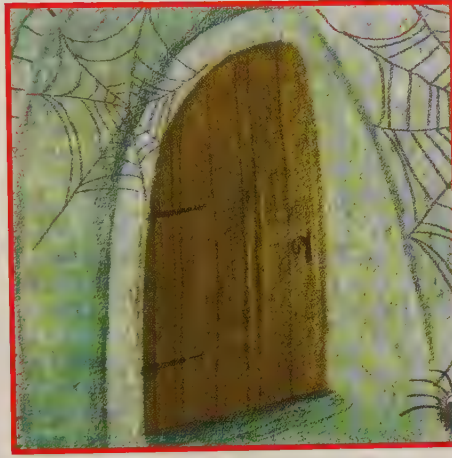
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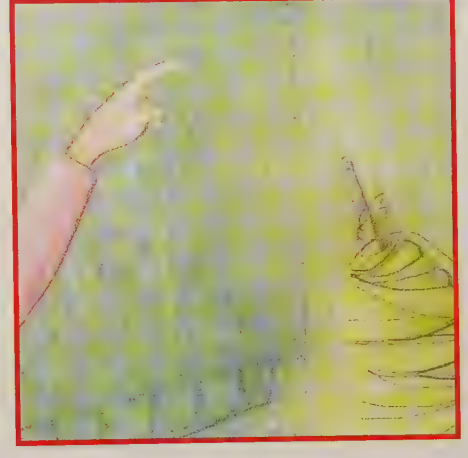
spiteful



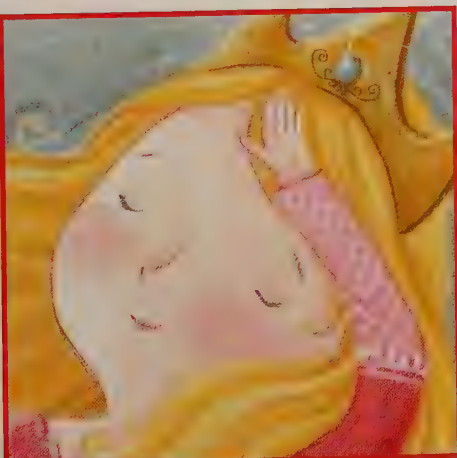
king



door



touch



sleep



handsome



together

Think of a word that matches
the red highlighted sounds on each line.

wax

mix

exit

stool

grew

blue

green

seat

clean

dear

hear

year

yard

yo-yo

you

tiny

set

feet

brick

broken

bring

crab

cross

cruel

princess

prop

proudly

You've had fun with phonics! Well done.

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